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Dear Sirs,
Please disregard my previous request dated 10/10/99. I have since been advised of the required form for a petition for time extension. Please find this in the attached document.
Sincerely Michael T. Hards Manager Quality E&M Qantas Airways Repair Station
QLMY 436H.

(See attached file: Docket No. FAA 199 5836.doc)

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Re: Docket No. FAA-I 99-5836
Notice N. 99-09

Please consider this a Request for Extension of Time for Comments to the above referenced Docket under 14 C.F.R. Section 11.29(c).

Petitioner, Qantas Airways certified foreign repair station QLMY 436H is involved in the maintenance, alteration and repair of civil aviation aircraft, engines and appliances for use by United States air carriers. As such this organisation has a substantial interest in the proposed rule.

The Petitioner has it's main location in Australia and is actively working with the Australian Civil Aviation Safety Authority of Australia on revision of the Australian maintenance regulations with the ultimate objective of implementing a Bilateral Air Safety Agreement (BASA) with the U.S. Under the proposed rule such an Agreement will be mutually beneficial both to Australian and the U.S., the extension of time will enable the necessary co-ordination of the interested parties and more effective contribution to the comment process.

The Petitioner believes that good cause exists to extend the comment period to the maximum allowable on the basis of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) own observation in the notice that this proposed rule has been under consideration since 1975. Repair stations in foreign countries are limited in their ability to access the proposed rule and provide comment and therefore the number of such repair stations able to contribute is likely to be limited and take longer to complete.

The proposed rule includes multiple changes; not only these changes but also the unaltered sections need to be considered to achieve the best possible outcome. The Petitioner having assessed the scope of this task believes that it is in the public interest that the Petitioner devotes additional time to provide detailed substantive information and comment.

For the reasons stated, it is the agency's and indeed in the public's, best interest to provide the maximum amount of time for comments on this proposal.

Therefore, the Petitioner respectfully requests the FAA to extend the **Comment Period** at a minimum to November 2nd, 1999.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Hards
MANAGER QUALITY E&M

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